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RE: Time for Another Newsletter and Some Ideas for Articles

Dear Dean:

It is time to start writing another Colbert Landfill newsletter, as it has been almost three months since the last one. I would like to see a newsletter ready to mail out by April 15, 1990. Listed below are some ideas for the next newsletter. Most of the following ideas will translate into short articles, though at least one might need to be answered over the course of several newsletters, due to its complexity. The topics that Ecology and EPA know the community is interested in are:

- 1. Progress update on drilling of monitor wells.
- 2. Progress update on drilling of pilot extraction wells.
- 3. The issue/controversy surrounding the private well monitoring program.
- 4. The recent finding of Trichloroethane in the Little Spokane River.
- 5. An answer to the question, "What happens to the VOC's once they are discharge to the atmosphere?" (This probably deserves a multi-newsletter answer.)
- Upcoming schedule for installation and operation of pilot extraction wells and pilot treatment system(s).
- 7. Putting a notice out to the area real estate agents, as well as the buyers and sellers, about who to contact for information regarding the cleanup activities.
- 8. Other issues/ideas that you may wish to pass on to the community.





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I will also be asking David Hooks of the Colbert Landfill Contaminant Area Committee if he would like to submit a short article for the newsletter. I will be sending Kip Nedved another set of Colbert Landfill mailing labels very shortly.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please give me a call at (206) 438-3043 or (SCAN) 585-3043 or Grechen Schmidt at (206) 442-1283.

Sincerely,

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